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FOURTH CHAUTAUQUA OPENED MON.

Killarney Girls and William Raney Bennett are Opening Day Attractions

TICKET SALE REACHES MARK

Chautauqua for Another Year Rests With Patrons—Redpath People Will Sign

Alma's fourth annual summer chautauqua under the management of the Redpath Chautauqua Bureau opened auspiciously at Wright Park, State street, Monday afternoon. The radical change in the weather coming as it did on the opening day of the chautauqua aroused considerable enthusiasm and a large audience gathered at the tent to enjoy a delightful entertainment by the Killarney Girls. In the evening another appreciative crowd was in attendance to hear the concert by the young ladies and the inspirational lecture by William Raney Bennett.

Owing to the terrific heat wave that has been holding the state in its grip for the past two weeks enthusiasm over the chautauqua was not very encouraging to the ticket committee and additional time had to be given by the management in order to allow the guarantors to meet the contract number. Tuesday noon there were twenty tickets to sell and these were almost wiped out before the evening program was completed. At this time it is impossible to state regarding the contract for next year. But judging from the enthusiasm of the opening days of the chautauqua in all probability the Redpath people will be ready to sign up for 1917 providing the citizens are anxious enough to be among the few cities of the state enjoying membership in the Redpath family.

William Raney Bennett, lecturing on the subject, "The Man Who Can," on the opening evening of the chautauqua, gave a strong address having as his general theme, "He can who thinks he can;" that in every brain is a sleeping genius that can be awakened. Mr. Bennett's lecture followed:

"No man's down and out until he admits it. You can come back, you can make good—not only good but great. If you don't give up you'll get up. In every brain there is a sleeping genius. This can be awakened. We have untapped reservoirs of power within us. The brain is an unexplored field. No person has ever yet sounded the depths of his soul, nor measured the flight of his imagination, nor spand the breath of his intellect.

"Success comes through the power plus personality, and intellect. It can be developed. If you have a poor personality today you can change it. The great person has a profound faith in self. 'The Man Who Can' believes that he has a right to be on earth and begs nobody's pardon for existence. He's unafraid. He walks like a son of a king, for he is. You have a heritage. Act upon it."

The Weatherwax Quartet provided the music for Wednesday's afternoon and evening, giving vocal and instrumental selections and clever readings. The program was greatly appreciated by a packed house.

For an hour and a half the large audience Wednesday evening listened to the lecture given by Dr. Chas. Stelzle on "The Call of the New Day" or "The Man Outside." The lecture dealt with the church and its relation to those outside. No more interesting lecture on a subject of so vital importance has ever been given in the city. Dr. Stelzle speaks with authority gained through the experience of many years in working among men in the factory, in the office and on the street. The open forum lasting thirty minutes brought forth for discussion by Dr. Stelzle many important questions.

"One can be a Christian outside the church. But the Christian who is a member of a church is a union Christian, while the other is a non-union Christian. The latter expects the church Christian to bear all the expense and labor of helping to benefit the community. The non-union Christian is a mighty mean, stingy Christian. This was Dr. Stelzle's answer to the question, 'Can a person be a Christian outside the church?'"

TWO NEW SUBDIVISIONS

Subdivisions seem to be the popular pastime in Alma this summer. Two more were announced this week which makes the fifth to be laid out during the last three months. Michigan Avenue Heights is the forty acres on the Kingsbury farm east of the city bordering on Michigan avenue while Elm Grove takes in 80 acres of the Derusha farm also east of the city. Organizations have been completed but the officers names are being withheld for the present.

It was announced today that work on improving and platting the subdivisions will commence immediately. The officers of the companies intended to terrace, lay walks, plant trees, install sewerage and water. When completed the new subdivisions will be the most beautiful suburban districts of the city.

ELY OUT FOR NOMINATION

Democrats Say They Will Have to Defeat Him for Governor

When the primary list closed in the state of New Mexico, last Saturday, what gives promise of being without exception one of the hardest fought races for the governorship that ever occurred in the state was in its making. Ralph C. Ely, former superintendent of public schools in this city and a graduate of Alma college with the class of '92, was among the Republican nominees. It is already conceded by the other candidates that Mr. Ely will receive the party endorsement at the primaries. The Democratic leaders are becoming a little nervous over the situation and say that in case any one of the candidates than Mr. Ely receives the nomination they will rest easy. To offset any possible chance of defeat the Democratic organization is already laying its plans which will commence immediately following the primaries.

During his residence in Mexico Mr. Ely has made himself very popular with the masses because of his attitude towards questions that effect vitally the general welfare of the public. He led the fight for irrigation and has been very influential in the campaign against the land shark in Mexico state. While Mexico is Democratic Mr. Ely has many partisan and non-partisan friends who are anxious to see him in the governor's chair.

COUNCIL PASSES ON \$100,000 BONDING ISSUE

Council are Positive That City Will Endorse Plan—Election Held Soon

The \$100,000 bonding proposition for the extension of the water and sewer systems in the city, then holdings of a municipal water power plant and making other necessary improvements to the city was passed upon by the city council at a special meeting held at the council chamber, Tuesday night. A committee composed of Aldermen Ward, Glass and Oswald was appointed to confer with City Attorney James Greene and to take the proper steps necessary before it can be submitted to the voters.

The total bonding issue passed upon by the council does not vary from the tentative plans mentioned in the announcement made by the committee at the time the first report was made to the council. The addition of \$5,000 was made in answer to a request of the members of the Civic League, who are anxious to secure a Carnegie library for the city and also to improve Wright Park. The various items sum up as follows: \$40,000 for water mains, \$35,000 for sewerage extension, \$3,000 for library site and \$2,000 for park improvements.

The date for the special election has not been set and it will be part of the committee, appointed Tuesday night, to decide when is the best time to submit the proposition. The council are very anxious to have the voters give their opinions as soon as possible.

There is a feeling among the councilmen that they will receive the endorsement of the citizens on the bonding plan. The educational campaign carried on in the city by individuals and the press have resulted in a clear understanding of the needs of Alma at the present time. With five new subdivisions in the city, money has got to be secured for improvements on the new additions.

DIEKEMA BOOM GROWS

Withdrawal of L. D. Dickinson of Charlotte by the Republican gubernatorial race gives added impetus to the campaign of western Michigan's candidate, former Congressman Gerit J. Diekema of Holland. Mr. Diekema, who had been trotting in second place from the beginning, has taken a sudden jump owing to several ill-advised moves on the part of the Sleeper interests on the east side of the state.

Several handicaps to the Holland man's success have been wiped out and the fact that he is being universally touted in Wayne county as second choice to Leland and that he is going to carry the upper peninsula by a big margin seem to have put him way in the lead among the field gubernatorial candidates. At least two important factions who were opposing Diekema under a misapprehension now are solidly lined up in his support.

PLEASES LARGE AUDIENCE

A large audience heard Mr. Meade E. Dutt in recital at the Church of Christ, Friday night, despite the intense heat. Mr. Dutt has a rich baritone voice and the ability to control it in a most pleasing manner. He delighted his hearers with a versatile program of classical and popular numbers.

Miss Ruth Bennett proved herself to be efficient as accompanist, she also delighted her audience with several musical numbers. Miss Etta Tonkin of Detroit entertained with a number of readings which were well received.

REPUBLIC BREAKS GROUNDS FRIDAY

Commences Erection of \$42,000 Plant for Half-Ton Truck

BONUS SYSTEM ADOPTED

E. M. Orr Explains Advantages of Plan Over Other Systems of Work

The Republic Motor Truck Company will break ground Friday for the erection of a \$42,000 plant, which will be used exclusively for the building of the half-ton truck recently announced by the company. The building will be 1,000 feet long and 50 feet wide. The total expenditure on the building and equipment will reach \$50,000. The plant will be erected east of the city on the site between East Superior street and the tracks of the Pere Marquette company. Henry Soule of this city has the contract and will have the building completed by the middle of September. General Manager Ruggles stated that production will commence about October 15.

The Republic management recently purchased the building formerly occupied by the Miller Saw-Trimmer Company and will employ it for assembling the engine for the new truck. The building is being completely renovated and remodeled and will be ready for occupancy in a few weeks. The new truck plant is situated distant from the present plant because it will be a separate plant entirely as far as factory supervision is concerned. The general management will be directed by their present officials. It is the plan in separating the plant buildings give adequate room for expansion. The ground around the Miller building will be retained for expansion of the engine department of the baby truck. While the new plant could have been erected east of the present plant it would crowd things too much.

The house proposition is still a matter of serious consideration. Manager Ruggles states that with the erection of the new factory already commenced immediate steps have got to be taken to answer the demands. A two ton truck was sent to Columbus, New Mexico, this week to be demonstrated to the Federal Government. Mike Downing is in charge of the demonstration.

The Republic Motor Truck company, having in mind greater efficiency in factory, larger daily wages for the employees and an increase in production, have adopted the bonus system. At present the system is operating only in the wood-work department but it will be established throughout the factory as soon as conditions are favorable. The system will effect only the mechanical departments of the factory.

E. M. Orr, an efficiency expert, has been secured by the Republic people and already has the system established on a working basis. In speaking of the bonus system and its peculiar advantages over other methods of factory management Mr. Orr says:

"The Republic Motor Truck Company has got to increase its production and in order to accomplish this end the bonus system has been adopted. The system is comparatively a new thing but in the few years since it was put forward to answer a demand it has been adopted by many of the larger factories and in the end has always worked out satisfactory to the working men and the employers."

"The general idea of the bonus system is that operators are paid a bonus on production over and above the regular wages according to their standard of efficiency. A standard or unit of time is established for each and every operation and employees are urged to work towards that standard with two ends in view, greater efficiency and greater wages. Operators who reach this standard will be rated 100 per cent efficient. The men will commence receiving a bonus as soon as they become 75 per cent efficient or are able to complete one operation in three-quarters of the time set by the standard or unit. The rate of the bonus for a 100 per cent efficient man is to be 30 per cent of the daily wage, with the increase of the efficiency of the employee and, of course, the increase in the amount of his actual production, comes an increase in the rate of the bonus.

"The Republic company will not place a limit on the amount of work an employee can do as is the practice in many piece factories. The Republic management appreciate the fact that the more the men do the greater the benefit to the factory will be in larger production. If a man can make \$3.00, \$5.00 or \$10.00 a day we are glad to pay him for his labor. There is to be no stated limit in the bonus system here.

"When once set the standard or unit will not be changed for a period of one year providing, of course, there is no change in the tools or method of the production. The standard has got to remain at a stated point before benefits can be derived and the Republic

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JULY HOTTEST MONTH

Thermometer Reaches 102 on the 31st—Highest in 29 Years

The monthly weather report given out by Local Observer P. M. Smith shows that the thermometer registered 102 on July 31. This is the highest record during the last twenty-nine years. The mean maximum of the month was 88, the means minimum 62, giving an average of 75 for the four weeks. The minimum for the month was 49 on the 10th.

The total amount of precipitation for the month was .56 inches. On the 13th of the month .50 inches of this fell. During the month there were 23 clear days, 7 partly cloudy and one cloudy. Thunder storms occurred three times during July, on the 13th, 20th and 22nd.

HUGHES FORMALLY ACCEPTS REPUBLICAN NOMINATION

Will Stand by Platform Adopted by the Chicago Convention

Before an audience that filled Carnegie hall, New York City, to capacity, Charles Evans Hughes, Monday night, was officially notified of his nomination for the presidency. Seldom, if ever, in the history of these more or less formal political gatherings, has a more enthusiastic or representative audience greeted a presidential nominee. Over 7,000 applications for seats were made while the hall only holds 2,000. Col. Roosevelt and Mrs. Roosevelt were among those who witnessed the notification exercises.

Quotations from Mr. Hughes' speech follows:

"Our foreign relations have assumed grave importance during the past three years. At the very beginning of the present administration where in the direction of diplomatic intercourse there should have been conspicuous strength and earnestness we had weakness and inexperience. Instead of assuring respect, we invited distrust of our competence and speculation as to our capacity for firmness and decision, thus entailing many difficulties, which otherwise could easily have been escaped."

"The dealings of the administration with Mexico constitute a confused chapter of blunders. The height of folly was to have a vacillating and ineffective intervention, which could not only revoke bitterness and contempt, which would fail to pacify the country, and to assure peace and prosperity under a stable government."

"In our proposals there is no militarism. There is simply existence upon common sense in providing reasonable measures of securing and avoiding the perils of neglect. We cherish no illusions. We know that the recovery of war is not to be prevented by pious wishes. If the conflict of national interests is not to be brought to the final test of force there must be the development of international organization in order to provide international justice and to safeguard so far as practical the peace of the world."

"The Republican party stands for the principle of protection. We must apply that principle fairly, without abuses, in as scientific a manner as possible and congress should be aided by the investigations of an expert body. We stand for the safe guarding of our economic independence, for the development of American industry, for the maintenance of American standards of living. We propose in the competitive struggle that is about to come that American workmen shall not suffer."

"I stand for adequate federal workmen's compensation laws, dealing not only with the employees of the government, but with those employees who are engaged in interstate commerce."

"I endorse the declaration in the platform in favor of woman suffrage. If women are to have the vote, as I believe they are, it seems to be entirely clear that in the interest of the public life of this country, the contest should be ended promptly. I favor woman suffrage."

"We live in a fateful hour. In a true sense the contest for the preservation of the nation never ends. We must still be imbued with the spirit of heroic sacrifice which gave us our country and brought us through the days of the civil war we renewed our pledge to the ancient ideals of individual liberty, of opportunity denied to none because of race or creed, of unswerving loyalty. We have a vision of America prepared and secure, storing and just; equal to her tasks; an exemplar of the capacity and efficiency of a free people. I endorse the platform adopted by the convention and accept its nomination."

ANNUAL MOODY REUNION

The Silas Moody annual reunion will be held at the home of Henry Davidson in St. Louis, Wednesday, August 16. This is the fifth year since the reunion has been started and Mr. Moody states that plans are complete for a most enjoyable time. The Moody reunion takes in all students of Mr. Moody, who attended his school in St. Louis during the sixties.

NOTICE

After August 3rd, 1916, I will not pay any debts incurred by my wife, Mrs. Edna Omas. W. J. Omas.

METHODS SCHOOL CLOSES SESSION

Graduating Exercises Held Friday at College Chapel—110 Certificates

CONFERENCE WAS SUCCESS

Increase in Enrollment and Enthusiasm Over Previous Year

The graduating exercises of the Alma School of Methods occurred at the college chapel, Friday evening, at which time Dr. John Steel of Winona Lake, Indiana, gave an inspiring address taking as his general theme the work of the Sunday school and the relation it has to our daily life. Dr. Alfred Ray Atwood, dean of the school, presented the graduates with their diplomas. Sixty-one International Sunday School association certificates and fifty Denominational Teacher Training certificates were given out.

In point of enrollment, attendance, and spirit the school this summer was the most successful since the establishment of the work three years ago. The enrollment reached sixty-six during the week and included persons who were actually taking work under the various instructors. Eighty of the total enrollments came from outside this locality. In the state there were twenty-five towns who sent representatives to the school and several were registered from Ohio, Illinois, Indiana and California. The enrollment representative five different states.

The school this year under the management of Dr. Atwood was able to secure the services of many eminent teachers in Sunday school work. Among the speakers and teachers from out side the city and state were Dr. R. W. Gammon of Chicago, Dr. J. A. Adair of Stockbridge, Rev. H. D. Veneklasen of Grand Haven, Rev. H. D. Borley of Flint, Dr. R. B. Wilson of West Unity, Ohio, Dr. John Steel of Winona, Indiana, Miss Sarah Goodman of Chicago and Miss L. M. Crissman of Grand Rapids. The week was given over to class room work on Sunday school methods and management, platform speeches and stereopticon lectures.

Many excellent addresses were given during the week on subjects of vital interest to all Sunday school workers. Particularly interesting were those given by Dr. Gammon on "Sunday Pedagogy," Dr. Adair on "Religious Psychology," Miss Goodman on "Kindergarten and Primary Work," and Rev. Veneklasen on "Young People's Methods."

The Alma School of Methods was organized in the summer of 1914 under the direct supervision of Dr. Alfred Ray Atwood, educational superintendent of the synod of Michigan. Dr. Atwood has since the opening of the school acted as dean and it is through his able management that the school has attained such success. Dr. Atwood has carried on such a systematic advertising campaign during the year that this summer students came from a radius of a 1000 miles for the week's training at the Alma school. Besides completing all arrangements for the school Dr. Atwood took an active part in the work of the week teaching classes and addressing the school several times. One of the interesting features of the school and one for which Dr. Atwood is directly responsible is that the Alma School of Methods is the first school in the country with the possible exception of the New Jersey schools to hold a three year consecutive training school.

The educational displays in connection with the school were sent out by the Congregational, Baptist, Methodist and Presbyterian publishing houses. The displays contained books on Sunday school methods and management and religious publications. The Anti-Saloon League of Michigan also had a display showing the effects of the use of alcoholic beverages.

RUSSEL PEMBRUCK WINS PRIZE

The Detroit News subscription contest was won by Russel Pembroke, who secured twenty-five twelve week subscriptions for the daily in this city. The other contestants gave the winner a close race. The winning of this contest entitles Russel to enjoy a week's outing at the expense of the Detroit News at Island Lake, near Brighton. The outing will be held soon and boys from all over the state will be at the camp.

McFALL BECOMES SOLE OWNER

Duncan McFall announced this week that he had secured control of the barber shop formerly under the management of McFall & Whiton. Mr. McFall has secured the services of Mark Shannon of Detroit, who will commence his work the first of the week. James McFall will still be employed at this shop. With these three veteran barbers the city will have one of the best tries in the city. Mr. McFall expects to make several alterations in the arrangements of the shop soon.

ORGANIZE IN STATE

Playground and Recreation Association of America Start Work

The tenth annual anniversary of the Playground and Recreation Association of America will be held at Grand Rapids, October 2-6. Ralph E. Hedges of Grand Rapids was in the city Tuesday endeavoring to create interest among the leaders here and stated that many persons from Alma would in all probability attend the anniversary. Several notable speakers will appear on the program, among them are Secretary of War Baker, General Wood, Governor Ferris and many others who are interested in civic and community center work.

Answering a demand made by 87 cities in Michigan the Playground and Recreation Association of America will establish offices in the state and use its influence in developing the playground more extensively throughout Michigan. The offices in the state will be located at Grand Rapids.

ANNEX OPENS DOORS

Miner's Annex, a new restaurant, which is being erected by Henry Miner and Vern Miner, will open its doors to the public the first of the week. The Annex was built for the convenience of the factory people, but the public will be received with the same hospitality. It is located on Michigan avenue opposite the Republic.

BOARD OF TRADE BUYS 46 ACRES FOR BUILDINGS

Will Plat Section for Homes and Leave Part for Factory Sites

Another real estate deal of large proportions was consummated Friday night when the members of the Board of Trade authorized the executive committee to purchase 46 acres of land from the A. W. Wright estate, located south of Ely street of west of Grover avenue. The board also secured the ownership of twenty acres from Thomas Grover, situated west of Grover avenue and south of the Wright property leading to the Ann Arbor Railroad company's premises. The consideration was \$13,000, \$9,000 for the Wright 46 and \$4,000 for the Grover 20.

Immediately upon the purchasing of the property by the Board of Trade, the Alma Home & Improvement association were given control of twenty acres of the Wright property for \$200 per acre. The association will commence at once platting the property and it is stated that contracts were let this week to Contractor Henry Soule for the erection of ten up-to-date homes.

The Board of Trade have made no definite announcements regarding the future disposal of the remainder of the property. The board have been endeavoring for some time to acquire some property which could be held for factory purposes. The board, however, will probably plat some of the remaining 46 acres leaving the remainder of the acreage for factory sites.

MORE GERMAN CONCEIT

Baron von Stengel Says Germans Are Chosen to Lead the World

That the German nation, although one of the greatest in the family of nations, is the most tactless nation in the world today has been demonstrated again and again during the past two years by the continual stream of utterances coming from men of high position, as to the exalted position of the German. These little "puff" speeches are most disgusting and at times even nauseating. Listen to the ravings of Professor Baron von Stengel of the University of Munich:

"The whole war up to date has shown that Germany has been chosen by Providence to lead all other people. We shall march at their head and bring them to abiding peace. For this mission we have the force, and also all the spiritual gifts, and we are the crown of the whole of civilization.

"It is useless, in consequence, to discuss pacifist or any other international plans. The whole world, and especially the neutral nations, have only one means of profitable existence. It is to submit to our guidance, which is superior to all others from every point of view. No people has more wide spread or higher ideals and sentiment than we, and no one under our rule need worry about their rights."

TRANSFER SERVICE IMPROVED

The American Transfer company of St. Louis have purchased from the Republic Motor Truck company of this city a motor transfer bus and will run an hourly schedule between this city and St. Louis. The new service commenced this week. The bus is a pay as you enter vehicle. The passengers enter the bus at the front deposit their fares with the driver and leave at the rear of the machine.

NOTICE

Parties wishing a day for freight or baggage leave word at Record office and your wants will be cared for. BAMBER'S DRAY LINE.

BRYAN LECTURES TO PACKED HOUSE

Throng Turns Out to Hear Great Peace Advocate Discuss Vital Questions

AMERICA'S GREAT OPPORTUNITY

Is to Establish Peace in Europe Says the Great Commoner

"The greatest opportunity America ever had is within her reach. She can establish peace if she will. Will America let this opportunity slip from her grasp to be taken by another nation? America is the logical nation to put forward such a movement. We are relatives to every country engaged in the great European war. They are our own blood. My constant prayer is that America will be the nation to perpetuate peace."

How William Jennings Bryan addressed a packed tent here Wednesday night at the chautauqua. Mr. Bryan took for his subject "Four Pictures I Have Seen." The subject dealt altogether with questions of a non-partisan nature and it was noticeable that Mr. Bryan wished to evade anything that touched on the present political situation. The nature of his subject clearly showed that Mr. Bryan was out on a mission and it was not a political one. Only one did he mention politics during his lecture and then it was merely a passing remark.

Mr. Bryan was given a great reception by this city and Gratiot county on this occasion, his second visit to Alma. A representative committee of citizens composed of Democrats and Republicans motored to Belding in the afternoon and returned with Mr. Bryan to the city. Arrangements had been made by the committee in charge that automobiles should go to meet the Commoner and escort him into the city. A brass band met the escort at the city limits and led the distinguished ex-secretary of state down Superior street and up state street, amidst the throng that lined the streets. Mr. Bryan was late in coming onto the platform, but when he stepped before the audience he was given a great ovation.

As is his habit Mr. Bryan, after being introduced by Mr. D. L. Johnson, jumped into his speech and for two hours and a half talked on woman suffrage, prohibition, war and peace. He said in part:

"Men trusts woman as his wife. She affects his happiness and he is willing to think her his equal on practically every question then the presumption is that he thinks the ballot more important than his wife. If the father trusts the mother with the body, mind and soul of the child, couldn't he trust her with the ballot? Man turns the responsibility of the children over to the mother. She teaches and brings them up. If the husband can trust the wife as a business partner couldn't he trust her with the ballot? The majority of school teachers are women. They teach our boys and girls every day about government. If women know enough to teach men all they know then they know enough to vote. Isn't it a little inconsistent for men to boast about woman that teaches men and when she speaks of the ballot say, 'Hear her rave.' You give the ballot to men who destroy the home and allow mothers to sit by with hands tied when they want to save their home from the influence of these men. Statistics show that women are out of jail and in the church. If she has intelligence enough to keep out of jail and morality enough to go to church, hasn't she sense enough to vote?"

"The world is coming to understand the economic value of the saloon and the moral responsibility of those who go into partnership with it. Men are coming to realize more and more that they can't afford to associate with those in the liquor business. It won't be long before this will be a national question. It is grown out of the city, county and state. The issue is coming. As soon as one party acts to other will.

"Today everybody knows and realizes the influence of the saloon. Why is it then that knowing its influence they will go right along year after year giving licenses? The saloon is taking our young men and like a stamping machine, stamps and stamps on the community to become paupers and criminals. The real anarchist is the man who stands behind the counter, doling out liquor and defying the law."

"We hate war and we hate it more than ever before since the awful conflict broke out in Europe. The trouble with the European governments is that their religious philosophy is too much of hate and force. The people love peace, but they have nothing to say. Europe has brought this war on herself. They boast of how they love peace and then they turn around and boast of their implements of warfare. The American people have a great opportunity to perform. If we go into this war we will slip down and leave the opportunity to establish peace to some one else."

Mr. Bryan was entertained at the home of Hon. and Mrs. William A. Bahlke during his stay in the city.